

1 AN ACT concerning violence prevention.

2 **Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,**
3 **represented in the General Assembly:**

4 Section 5. The Unified Code of Corrections is amended by
5 adding Section 3-2.5-25 as follows:

6 (730 ILCS 5/3-2.5-25 new)

7 Sec. 3-2.5-25. Grants authorized.

8 (a) In general. The Department of Juvenile Justice shall
9 seek funding from the United States Department of Justice,
10 Office of Justice Programs, Office of Juvenile Justice and
11 Delinquency Prevention, for the purpose of establishing a
12 competitive statewide gang prevention and intervention grant
13 program.

14 (b) Grant program implementation. Upon receipt of federal
15 funds or signing of a federal grant agreement, the Department
16 of Juvenile Justice shall award grants to eligible entities
17 described in subsection (d) of this Section to carry out local
18 projects focused on criminal street gang prevention and
19 intervention programs. The Attorney General or his or her
20 designee shall serve on the grant application review committee,
21 as well as additional representatives of local government and
22 nongovernmental organizations to be appointed at the
23 discretion of the secretary of the Department of Juvenile

1 Justice. Each of these respective organizations shall have a
2 vote when determining awards.

3 (c) Term. The Director of Juvenile Justice shall award
4 grants under this Section for a period of one fiscal year or 12
5 calendar months.

6 (d) Eligible entities. Eligible entities under this
7 Section are:

8 (1) Nonprofit, nongovernmental organizations, or
9 coalitions that serve the targeted populations that:

10 (A) have a documented history of creating and
11 administering effective projects; or

12 (B) work in partnership with an organization that
13 has a documented history of creating and administering
14 effective projects.

15 (2) Governmental entities that demonstrate a
16 partnership with an organization described in paragraph
17 (1) of this subsection (d).

18 (e)(1) Applications. Any eligible entity desiring a grant
19 under this Section shall submit an application to the Director
20 of Juvenile Justice at such time, in such form, and in such
21 manner as the Director may prescribe. Applications, at a
22 minimum, shall demonstrate:

23 (A) that a significant gang problem exists in the
24 jurisdiction or jurisdictions receiving the grant;

25 (B) how the funds will be used to offer services to
26 prevent the expansion of criminal street gang membership or

1 support criminal street gang membership intervention;

2 (C) how the funds will be used to provide services to a
3 targeted population; and

4 (D) that the costs of administration shall not exceed
5 4% of appropriated funding.

6 (2) Consideration for grant awards shall primarily be given
7 to, but not limited to, those applicants that show that gang
8 violence is an increasing problem in their respective
9 jurisdictions and that addressing the impact of street gangs is
10 a high priority within their local community, and:

11 (A) propose to conduct a community gang assessment
12 utilizing proven evidence-based practices; or

13 (B) where such an assessment has been conducted, to
14 implement a prevention or intervention program utilizing
15 either evidence-based or innovative and culturally
16 relevant practices.

17 (f) No supplanting. Grant funds awarded under this Section
18 shall be used to supplement, not supplant, other moneys that
19 are available for prevention and intervention programs.

20 (g) Reports. Each eligible entity receiving a grant under
21 this Section shall submit within one month of the one-year
22 anniversary of receiving the award to the Director of Juvenile
23 Justice a report describing the activities carried out with the
24 grant funds.

25 (h) The Department of Juvenile Justice shall report back to
26 the General Assembly regarding the status of those activities

1 prescribed in subsections (a) through (g) of this Section by
2 January 9, 2012.